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SUBJECT.

Attempted theft in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Srirangapatam.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Subject

Attempted theft in the Ranganatha Swamie Temple at Seringapatam—

LAST REFERENCE:—

Letter No. $\frac{128}{1376}$ dated 11th October 1904 from the Dy Commissioner, Mysore District.

The Dy Commissioner reports that on the night of the ~~6th instant~~ 6th October 1904 somebody had broken open a door of the windows situated on the north side of the "Vimana" last night on examination the next morning by the Amildar and the Divisional Officer, it was found that nothing in the temple. It is also reported that Police Inspector has

* Mr. C Venkata Rao

to detail the thieves.

Submitted for orders

Rs
24/10/04

Muzrai Secretary's Remarks

I visited Srirangapatam on the 12th October and saw how the entry had been effected by the burglars into the temple I found that two out of the thick iron bars of the skylight and windows opened out in the roof for the sake of light and air had been clean cut through by some instrument and entry effected near the Garbhagudi of the God's temple The seals attached to the padlock of the Garbhagudi were removed and, at that time, the burglars appear to have been disturbed and they left without proceeding further in their nefarious design. The doors of the Garbhagudi were not opened and no property was lost.

I ascertained on enquiry that the night in question as on other ordinary days, els and other valuable property of estimated value of Rs 21,636-8-10 were the Mulavarm and the Utsava

Vigrahas in the God's temple and property of the value of Rs 7,405 1–8 were similarly placed in the temple of the Goddess It was very fortunate that the burglars did not succeed in their attempt

It would appear that several servants sleep at night in this temple, they have been doing so not near the Garbha gudi but in an outer hall detached from it Mr C Venkata Rao Assistant Commissioner told me that subsequent to the occurrence, he had arranged that certain servants should sleep close to the Garbhagudi hereafter. The Deputy Commissioner may be asked what further steps should be taken for safeguarding the temple valuables in future

The Inspector General of Police may be requested to see that no pains are spared to detect the perpetrators of this daring attempt

Submitted with a draft.

Sd/- 4/11/24

Submitted to the Hon'ble Minister through the 2nd C 11

Submitted to His Highness.

for information. I have
spoken with Sgt Price
and he is alive within
[illegible] recurrence.

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Record of Case submitted for the orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Attempted theft in the Sri Ranganathaswamy

Temple at Sirin anatan.

Order.

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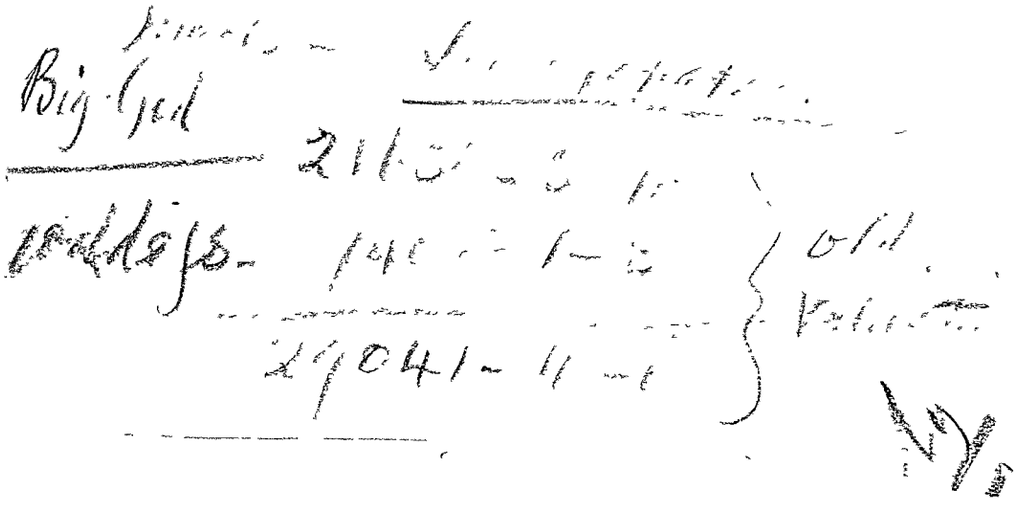

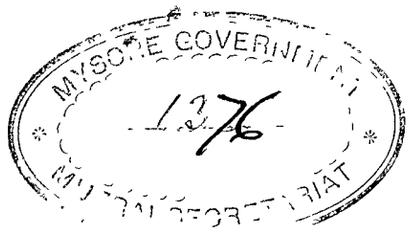

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General No.

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Sub to for orders with a note

24/10/04

Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mysore
District,
Municipal Department
Dated Mysore the 9th October 1908.

To. L. Anantharama Iyer Esq BA
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
in the Municipal Department

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith Investigation Circle, report No 233 dated 7th October 1908 on the subject that on the morning of the 7th instant the Resident of the Sri Lingaraja Devasthana Temple reported the Accident that occurred by a brick on a bar of the window situated on the north side of the "Umana" - The Circle and the Divisional Officer, who was at Chiplakatte there, inspected the spot and examined the jemadar according to the 'B' and found that nothing was lost. The Police Inspector has been ordered to detect the culprits - the temple servants have been ordered to watch during nights.

The damages caused to the window have been duly repaired.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore Dist. &c.

No 223

7-1084

Dear Mr. Amidon,

Thank you for your letter of 7-10-1904 and for the
information you have given me. I am very glad to
hear that you are interested in the matter and that
you have been able to obtain the information you
desired. I am sure that you will find the
information very useful in your work.

I am enclosing a copy of the report which I have
prepared on the subject. I hope that you will find
it satisfactory. If you have any further questions
or if there is anything else I can do for you,
please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Murrai

Read:-

Letter no 128/1376, Dy 11.10 October 1904, from the Dy Comr., Mysore District, reporting on the attempted theft in the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple at Sreerangapatam on the night of the 6th October 1904.

No 1767-D Murr 15-95 Dy 19.11.04.

Order thereon

The Murrai Secretary inspected the Sri Ranganatha swami temple at Sreerangapatam on the 12th October 1904. He found that two out of the thick iron bars of the skylight and windows opened out in the roof for the sake of light and air had been clean cut through by some instrument and cuts effected by the burglars the Garbhagudi of

temple. On enquiry, it was ~~also~~ on the night in question ascertained that jewels and other ~~valuable~~ property of the estimated value of Rs 21,636-8-10 had, ~~been~~ as usual, been left ~~placed~~ on the Mulavarm and the Utsava Vigrahas in the God's temple, and property of the value of Rs 7,405-1-8 had been similarly placed in the temple of the Goddess, ~~but that no property was lost~~

→ The burglars appear to have been disturbed while trying to break the lock of the Garbhagudi, and they seem to have then left the premises without accomplishing their object. No property was therefore lost.

~~I~~ Mr C Venkata Rao, Assistant Commissioner, ~~at Vaasi~~ reported to the Inquiry in person ~~about~~ that several servants were in the habit of sleeping in the temple, but that they had been doing so not near the Garbhagudi but in an outer hall detached from it, and that he (the Assistant Commr) had since

that certain servants sleep close to the Garbhagudi

thereafter—

3 ~~In these circs~~, the Deputy Commissioner is requested to report what further steps he would ~~propose taking~~ suggest for safeguarding the temple valuables in future.

4. The Inspector General of Police will also be requested to see that no pains are spared to detect the perpetrators of these daring ~~attempts~~ burglary.

16/11/04
Secretary

JS 1/11/04 Mus. Dept'tt

To

The Deputy Commr Mysore Dt

" I G of Police in Mysore